



**MAYOR DICK MURPHY
Science and Technology Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

The San Diego Science and Technology Commission (SDS&TC) held a meeting on December 1, 2004 hosted by Community and Economic Development located at 600B Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Dr. Martha Dennis, SDS&TC Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Members present: Dr. Hui Cai, Daniel Chang, Dr. Martha Dennis, Dr. Tom Dillon, Susan Myrland, Dr. Gail Naughton, Tyler Orion, Craig Roberts, and Julie Meier Wright. Members absent: Craig Andrews, Jon Cohen, Scott Corlett, Charles Holland, Kristopher Lichter, Marc Nemer, Scott Randall, Carrie Stone, and Maurice Wilson. Community & Economic Development Department staff members: Toni Dillon, Tina Hines, Jeff Kavar, and Ana Maria Jaramillo. Others Present: Andrew Poat, Director, City Governmental Relations Department
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment and the Commission moved on to Agenda item III.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:** October 20, 2004
(MOTION/Dillon/Orion/UNANIMOUS)
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MEETING CALENDAR:** Regularly Scheduled Meeting Calendar 2005
(MOTION/Naughton/Dillon/UNANIMOUS)
- V. **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STAFF UPDATE:** There was no staff update and the Commission moved on to Agenda item VI.
- VI. **LEGISLATION IMPACTING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- A. The City of San Diego, Governmental Relations Department - Presenter, Andrew Poat, Director: Poat stated that his team consists of three professionals, embedded department staff, and consultants. He reported that the Governmental Relations Department manages the funding that the City receives from the State of California which in last year's budget cycle was over \$100 million dollars. In addition, the Department is involved with federal programs such as transportation and homeland security. Furthermore, this Team takes a proactive role in federal and state regulatory and legislation processes. Poat stated that his office reviewed five thousand State bills and sponsored legislation.

Poat identified the following efforts as examples of issues that were included in the Department's Work Plan: 1) Base Realignment And Closure (BRAC); 2) Clean Water Act; 3) Solid Waste Diversion; 4) PUC process. He encouraged Commissioners to get involved in the BRAC coalition to support key military bases remaining open in San Diego.

Poat summarized that the recently voter approved Prop (71) California Institute for Regenerative Medicine offers important an opportunity for San Diego and is a vehicle for collaboration; specifically, in the following areas: 1) the appointment of San Diego representatives to the Commission that will govern the Institute; 2) supporting the creation

and location of the Institute in San Diego; 3) the allocation of funding for San Diego research institutions during the 10 year program.

This presentation concluded with Poat agreeing to meet with science and technology trade organizations and Commission representatives to identify relevant cross-industry concerns that relate to the City's Annual Public Policy Agenda.

- B. Prop (71) California Institute for Regenerative Medicine - Presenter, Ms. Julie Meier Wright: Ms. Meier Wright stated that the voter approved Prop 71 created a bond pool of \$300 million dollar for embryonic stem cell research. Furthermore, as a result of the legislation, the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (Institute) was created. She summarized that this new Institute will have an appointed Business Oversight and an Outside Peer Review Board.

Ms. Meier Wright stated that this an incredible opportunity for San Diego for the following reasons: 1) the Institute could potentially be located in San Diego; 2) BIOCOM has taken the lead in preparing recommendations for San Diego based appointees; 3) every University of California (UC) medical school, including UCSD, will have a representative appointed to the governing Board.

Ms. Meier Wright concluded that several organizations including EDC, Biocom, Connect, the City of San Diego, local research institutions and private sector representatives will collectively develop an aggressive proposal to locate this Institute in San Diego. This proposal is due February 23, 2005. She opined that the location of the Institute in San Diego would be a catalyst to attract other life science companies to the area.

Dr. Dillon stated that the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine could be modeled similar to the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology (Calit²). The Institute could consist of two branches located in northern and southern California. He suggested that the \$300,000,000 dollars for research could be accelerated and better leveraged between northern and southern California branches. Ms. Meier Wright agreed that the concept of dual locations was noteworthy.

VII. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

- A. Science and Technology for Economic Prosperity Update: Dr. Dennis stated that she has listened to the STEP Forum tapes and has transcribed the commentary given by the participants. Dr. Dennis has forwarded her transcripts to Lauree Sahba to be included in the revised STEP Forum Report. Dr. Dennis anticipates that the report revision will be completed soon.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- A. Future Topics: In an effort to adjourn the Commission meeting in a timely manner, this item was tabled for a future meeting.

- IX. UPCOMING MEETINGS: The next meeting will be February 16, 2005 from 3 P.M to 5 P.M.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business of the Commission; this meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.